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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Preliminary to any action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After paragraph 0011, please insert the following:

[0011.1] The switched fabric architectures discussed above generally consist of a network of multiple independent clustered nodes connected by point-to-point links. Each node may be an intermediate node, such as a switch/switch element, a repeater, and a router or an end-node within the network, such as a host system and an I/O unit (e.g., data servers, storage subsystems and network devices).

Message data may be transmitted from source to destination, often through intermediate nodes.

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